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DTSC Actions Around Exide

- **Since last December, DTSC has:**
 - Oversaw the cleanup of over 170 residential properties with \$9 million secured from Exide, as well as cleaning of streets, sidewalks, drainage canals, industrial areas and other non-residential areas
 - Notified Exide we were denying their permit, and prescribed the terms to close the facility in Vernon
 - Analyzed the results from nearly 20,000 soil samples at residential and non-residential properties around Exide
 - Informed property owners and the public about the results of sampling
 - Participated in 14 public meetings and other forums to inform the community and sent more than 31,991 notices about activities and information to residents around Exide
 - Established an Advisory Group to provide input into the closure of the facility and the cleanup of contamination in residential and non-residential areas around it
 - Co-funded with SCQAMD a technical advisor for the Advisory Group to support their review of closure and cleanup
- **In the last two months, DTSC:**
 - Secured \$7 million from the State to sample more residential properties and clean up the most contaminated properties identified in the expanded sampling area around Exide
 - Secured specialized training for staff from U.S. EPA for conducting cleanup of lead contamination in residential areas
 - Developed sampling plans and secured contractors to begin sampling immediately after receiving input from the Advisory Group
 - Developed plans to clean up the properties identified in sampling over the last year that present the highest risk to human health (Priority 1 Properties) and secured contractors to begin cleanup activities immediately after receiving input from the Advisory Group
 - Provided access agreements to "Priority 1" property owners and secured access to begin sampling and cleanup activities
 - Directed Exide to clean up their contamination in the flood control channel near the facility

- **On Wednesday, Oct. 28, DTSC**
 - Reviewed sampling and near-term cleanup plans with the Advisory Group
 - Rapidly screen properties with proven technology
 - X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer (“XRF”) is readily deployable, capable of providing immediate results, and supports additional analysis
 - Prioritize properties so we can address those properties with the highest lead and exposure potential first. Highest priority properties are already sampled in Expanded Area and identified as Priority 1.
 - Additional Priority 1 properties identified in the proposed sampling plan will be addressed in this Fiscal Year (15/16) as resources allow.
 - Opened dialog on comprehensive cleanup plans to continue cleanup beyond this year
 - There will be a large number of properties within the Preliminary Area of Investigation that will require cleanup, which creates a need to establish a more detailed prioritization plan to address properties with greater exposure potential first.
 - Priority based on highest lead concentrations in soil and greater exposure potential within each Priority.
 - Updated the Advisory Group on progress on the closure plan for Exide’s Vernon facility

- **On Thursday, Oct. 29, DTSC will:**
 - Adjust plans in response to input from the Advisory Group
 - Begin sampling and cleanup activities of properties in the Expanded Area around the Exide facility
 - Open an online sign-up form for residents to request sampling within the Preliminary Area of Investigation (approximately a 1.7 mile radius from Exide)

- **Going forward, DTSC will:**
 - Continue sampling and cleanup with funds already secured and pursue additional funding
 - Engage federal, state, and local agencies on resources and expertise to support a comprehensive and coordinated cleanup around Exide
 - Work to secure support to address lead-based paint so exposures are reduced and properties are not re-contaminated after cleanup
 - Partner with community-based organizations to inform and engage residents, seek input, and arrange access with property owners for sampling and cleanup
 - Implement a comprehensive cleanup plan to continue cleanup in future years, including all of the required environmental reviews, and seek input from the Advisory Group and the public
 - Evaluate, with the SCAQMD, strategies to safely close the Exide facility and seek input from the Advisory Group and the public
 - Continue to collect the evidence needed, and use all available tools to ensure Exide pays to clean up their contamination in the community